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Entitled: HIGH-STRENGTH AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL STRIP HAVING

EXCELLENT FLATNESS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

Small Entity Status:

Small Entity Statement under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed

Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27

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An Assignment of the invention to: Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd.

Declaration Claim For Priority

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| Claims 4 -20 = 1 | x \$ 9.00 | x \$ 18.00 | \$0 |
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| Claims $2 -3 = 0$ | x \$ 42.00 | x \$ 84.00 | \$0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim/s | + \$140.00 | + \$280.00 | \$ <u>0</u> |
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